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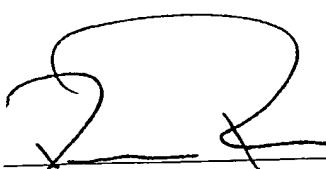
IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
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**Trautman, et al.** )  
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**FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD** )  
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**NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF  
CONTINUATION APPLICATION**

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a continuation application for the above referenced case, concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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